

# PALENVILLE UPDATE: September 2022

Summer Reading was a TREMENDOUS success!

Since some of you are not on Facebook, this is what I posted as our "End of Summer" Facebook post:



Cheers to another wonderful Summer Reading Program at the Palenville Library!

We do not have any programs planned for September because:

1. We needed a break
2. We are using the month to plan our upcoming events starting again in October.
3. We REALLY needed a break

This summer was one for the books ;) – we registered 303 children for the program! This sets a new record for us and we are ecstatic! So many kids. So many programs. So many armfuls of books being checked out and read. Priceless.

This was our first summer back after a 2 year “hiatus” of programs in the building. We LOVED every single minute of it. We LIVED for Tuesdays and Thursdays when we got to spend time working on projects with all of you. It was chaotic, crowded, messy, and loud and we wouldn’t have had it any other way. We had as much fun as you all did!

We welcomed many new families to our library and were thrilled to see all of our returning families. Getting to know our new friends and catching up with our old friends is something we genuinely look forward to!

A TREMENDOUS thanks to our “Summer Reading Beach Crew” for everything they did. This program would never have worked without Miss Allie, Miss Joy, and Miss Ashley (even though she wasn’t in the building that often, she worked tirelessly behind the scenes). Their hard work, dedication, and love for their job is evident in all they do. As I always say, I don’t know how we manage to do it every year but we do and it’s all thanks to our staff. The amount of planning that goes into each and everything we do is pretty intense. We put together a total of 1,191 “Take and Make Craft Kits” for distribution. In addition to this, we prepped 600 “In House” program “kits” for our Tuesdays & Thursdays programs. It is a ton of work BUT we always manage to laugh our way through it...most of the time ;)

Please continue to visit us...you are the reason we are here and the reason we all love our jobs so much. ❤️

**IMPORTANT:** Keep an eye on our Facebook page for future "events.

Thanks again for supporting the Palenville Branch Library -- We had a great time with you and we are looking forward to doing it again next summer! XOXO  
~~~~ Miss Bathsheba



This is the survey we gave to those who participated in our Summer Reading program. The responses we received were EXTREMELY positive and almost all of them said we "shouldn't change a thing"!



## Palenville Library Survey

### Summer Reading

1. Did you enjoy our Summer Reading Program this year?

Yes  No

2. What do you suggest we can do better for next year's program?

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### Future Program Planning

3. Which activities would you be interested in and can foresee yourself and/or your child attending? Check all that apply:


Monthly "In-House *Kid's* Program" (Saturdays) 

Monthly "Take Home Craft Pack" for *Kids*




Monthly "In-House *Adult* Program" (Thursdays)

Monthly "Take Home Craft Pack" for ~~Kids~~ *ADULTS*

4. We are thinking of hosting a Halloween Party. We haven't had one since October 2019. If we had a party, it would be on Saturday, October 29. Would you attend? 

Yes  No

5. We plan on having Santa back for pictures in December. His visit last year was AMAZING! Would you be interested in this event? 



Yes  No

6. Homeschool: We are thinking of starting this up again! It would be a once-a-month Wednesday meetup for a few hours. Is this something you would be interested in?

Yes  No



We are ALWAYS looking for suggestions for how we can make the library even better! We are also looking to know what keeps bringing you back! What are your thoughts? Tell us on the back of this page!

**Tiny Tots:** With school starting back up, our counts have decreased – we are seeing around 6 kids each Tuesday.

**Miscellaneous:**

Book Club has been great! The participants are really enjoying it!

Uke Club: Is taking a break for the month of September.

**Coming in October:**

The return of our Annual Halloween Party. This is scheduled for Saturday, October 29. Plans have been made and are in motion...We just need to make certain we have enough staff! I have a few feelers out for volunteers for that day.

Monthly Homeschool Meetup Group: Will do this on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm. People have told us they are interested so we'll see if they come!

Monthly Movie Night for Grownups: Planning on starting this up again on Thursday, October 6 at 5:30pm.

Monthly Adult Craft Packs: These will be "Halloween Clothespins Wreaths".  
No Kids Craft Pack for this month- they are getting the party!